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SUBJ: SOVIETS SIGN CONTRACT WITH FRENCH FIRM SPEICHIM FOR CHEMICAL
PLANT EQUIPMENT

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1. SOVIET PRESS REPORTED OCTOBER 13 THAT SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE
ORGANIZATION TEKHAMASHIMPORT SIGNED "LARGE" CONTACT WITH
FRENCH FIRM SPEICHIM FOR DELIVERY DURING 1977-1978 OF EQUIPMENT
FOR A LARGE "FATTY ALCOHOL" PLANT WITH ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 50,000
TONS. CONTRACT SIGNING, ON EVE OF GISCARD'S VISIT TO MOSCOW,
WAS ATTENDED BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV AND DEPUTY
MINISTER N.D. KOMAROV.
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2. COMMERICAL OFFICE HAS LEARNED THAT VALUE OF CONTRACT IS
300 MILLION FRANCS (ABOUT \$68 MILLION) AND THAT PLANT WILL PRODUCE
OLEFINS FOR USE AS FEEDSTOCK FOR PROPYLENE AND POLYPROPYLENE.
SPEICHIM EQUIPMENT IS BASED ON U.S. LICENSED TECHNOLOGY FROM
CONTINENTAL OIL CO.
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3. COMMENT: THIS SOVIET CONTRACT IS LATEST IN SERIES IN WHICH
WEST EUROPEAN OR JAPANESE FIRM PROVIDES ENGINEERING AND/OR
EQUIPMENT BASED ON AN AMERICAN LICENSE. END COMMENT.
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